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REMOVAL OF RESTRICTION ON HIGH PERFORMANCE COMPUTER
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the United States of America have decided to remove the restrictions on the export of high performance computers and other high-tech, items to India;

(b) if so, the extent to which it is likely to have useful impact on the further expansion and upgradation of Indian Information Technology Industry and development of high quality computers; and

(c) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS AND COMMUNICATIONS & INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY(SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN)

(a): The United States of America controls the export of high performance computers to India through a system of export licenses and notification requirements. From time to time, the US Government reviews the guidelines and parameters for export of high performance computers. In January 2002, the US Government has further liberalized the export control regime for such computers, enabling export of computers capable of running at 190,000 Millions of Theoretical Operations Per Second (MTOPS) without the US exporters having to notify the US Federal Government.

(b) and (c): Only for very specialized applications like weather forecasting India needs to import high performance computers/super computers.